7. Re-Classification of regular classified posts to W.C. Estt. and raising of retiring age to 60 years of all the Industrial workers.

8. Abolition of Zonal Offices in CPWD.

9. Provision of cycle in the discharge of duties by workers and increase of cycle allowance.

10. Provision of tools, tool kits to CPWD workers.

11. Provision of guaranted government residential accommodation for CPWD-workers.

12. Grant of 30 days of earned leave in a year to temporary W.C. staff.

13. Removal of discrimination amongst muster roll employees and industrial workers.

14. Re-categorisation/classification of W.C. Staff and regular classified categories w.e.f. 1-1-73 on the analogy of classification of scheduled employment as per scheduled fixed under Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

15. Promotion of WC/Regular Classified Staff-increase in avenues thereof.

16. Setting aside victimisation of trade union functionaries.

17. Stopage of discrimination towards Nepal based workers.

18. Application of workmen Compensation Act, 1923 to the employees of the Horticulture Directorate.

19. Grant of Night Duty Allowance.

20. HRA, CCA at Delhi Rate o Hindon workers.

21. Abolition of contract system.

Shortage of drinking water in Gujarat

441. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of drinking water in various parts of Saurashtra, Kutch and North Gujarat this year;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to deal with the situation

(c) whether any request for assistance has been received from Gujarat to deal with the present problem of drinking water; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) and (b) During the earlier part of this year drought and scarcity conditions led to an acute shortage of drinking water in parts of Gujarat including parts of Saurashtra, Kutch and North Gujarat. A Master Plan for dealing with this situation has been prepared and implemented by the Government of Gujarat by July, 1986. The total cost of the Master Plan was about Rs. 86.34 crores and aimed at providing drinking water to 10,924 villages (including 45 Nagar Panchayats) and 22 towns.

(c) No request for assistance has been received from Gujarat after the monsoon and the implementation of the Master Plan.

(d) Question does not arise.

Supply of Improved Variety of Groundnut Seeds

442. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Agricultural Research and Education has developed an improved variety of groundnut seed ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this seed is not being supplied to the agriculturists as there are not sufficient funds for multiplication of the seed; and

(c) whether Government propose to allocate sufficient funds for multiplication of this new variety of groundnut seed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (DARE) has developed a number of improved varieties of groundnut, such as Kaushal, Chitra, GG-2, GG-11, TG-17, Kisan, KRG-1, Co-2, etc. in the recent years.

(b) and (c) Large quantities of quality seed are being supplied to the agriculturists by the National Seeds Corporation, State Seed Multiplication Agencies, State Agricultural Universities and othere Institutions. The Govt, of India is stressing the importance of the supply of quality seed of newly developed varieties of oilseeds including groundnut and as such, has earmarked one third of the total outlay under the National Oilseeds Development Project Tor supply of quality seed (including input kits) of improved varieties.

Clearance of Irrigation Projects

443. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister -has decided to visit various states accompanied by some of his cabinet colleagues and secretaries for on the spot clearance of irrigation projects and financial assistance; and

(b) if so, whether the issues of financial assistance and , clearance of projects like Telugu Ganga, Polavaram, second stage of Sri Rama sagar project and Ichampalli are likely to be taken up on Prime Minister's visit to Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Long-Term Scheme for production of pulses

444. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any long-term scheme has been formulated by Government for increasing the pro duction of pulses in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the pulses development scheme and the allocation of funds for programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. From 1986-87, Government of India have sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development project during the Seventh Plan with the following components:—

1. Distribution of seed minikits of latest short duration improved varieties of different pulses.

2. Organising block demonstra tion to educate the farmers about . the production technology.

3. Laying out of adaptive trials of promising varieties on farmers fields.

4. Biological control of pod borers through release of parasites etc.

5. Training of extension workers to educate them in organising the development programme of pulses.

6. Strengthening of Rhizobium culture labs to enable them to manufacture large quantity of culture for distribution.